


# The power of words.

An article on the utility of words and their impact.

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Sometimes, I make Substack posts about how I feel about things that bother me in an attempt to understand my own feelings about the thing that bothered me. Sometimes I make these posts to get your feedback. This is one of those posts that encompasses both.

These are only my personal thoughts and opinions. While I am still allowed to have them and to express myself in the art of writing, I will. And I make no claims - simply observations and questions posed. The inquiring mind wants to know. I want to know! (You see? Words are powerful.)<sup>1</sup> Wait. Did I just make fun of myself? No odds. Let's Enquire.

I don't know why or how, but I stumbled onto this interview between Triggernometry<sup>2</sup> and Sam Harris entitled: Sam Harris: Trump, Religion, Wokeness. Now, everyone should know, I have watched almost every interview that Sam Harris has done and have listened closely to his words for a long time. I held him in great esteem, as I currently hold many thought provokers like the indomitable Jordan Peterson and the unstoppable honorable Brian Peckford.

I am the kind of person who not only *wants* to make up my own bloody mind, but who *NEEDS* to, and I don't really welcome others trying to tell me what to think - whatever the means. So this is one of those episodes in my life when I have done a double-take on my previous opinion of a person, based solely on that person's own expressed opinions and in this case, words.

I am truly shocked that Sam openly and willingly uttered the following words at all, and had no problem with them being recorded and aired. And ironically, the context here is a comparison of Trump's and Biden's affairs (some may call them transgressions), and that his words were uttered based on his claim that it simply doesn't matter what Joe Biden's son did or what is on his son's laptop, because it's not Joe Biden himself.

Alright then, I will use your logic Sam: it simply doesn't matter that you are speaking your mind on the subject of this context - the words that you uttered are what matters.

Note: I will not be writing the words uttered in the video shown in the following screenshot, with great intention.<sup>3</sup> It's very tricky to write about this without even, perhaps, propagating the problem. Read on. I will replace them with '*your example*'.

Quote from timestamp 36:09 in [this video](#):

Transcript

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uh listen i don't care what's in hunter biden's i mean a hunter bite at that "biden"

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point hunter bind literally could have had had the corpses of children in his basement

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What a repulsive choice of words. i would not have cared right it's like it's there's nothing first of all it's hunter biden right it's not it's like

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it's not joe biden but even if joe like even whatever scope of

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joe biden's corruption is like if you if we could just go down that rabbit hole endlessly and and

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understand that he's getting kickbacks from hunter biden's deals in ukraine or whatever else right or china

I find this highly disturbing. What a gruesome choice of words. Why not something like: "at this point Hunter Biden could have had photos of him sniffing crack off a donkey's ass". At least this would have aroused a laugh in the audience. But that? Why children?

And what's also disturbing is the fact he explicitly states that he doesn't care. I assume he believes that it doesn't matter because of the reasons he states which revolve around the fact that he thinks a) that it doesn't matter because it's not Joe and b) that it doesn't matter because the whole 'thing' is just a ruse. But.

Let's make that assumption. Let's assume you are correct and the Hilary emails and the Hunter Biden laptop stories are political fabrications to demonize the 'good guys'. Like all politics, election time is all about looking awesome, or rather, not looking bad, to the public as a candidate. Right? Fine. Accepted. Temporarily.

You know what though? It doesn't change how I feel about hearing you calmly state that the laptop could have had *your example* on it and that it wouldn't have bothered you.

I get that Sam was probably being excessive to make 'a point', but there was certainly a far more tasteful way to make any point you might have been trying to make. He also states that "Trump University as a story is worse than anything that could be in Hunter Biden's laptop". Including *your example*? I beg to differ.

One more thing that bothered me: one of the interviewers, in a dig to go deeper into Sam's mind, also says "[f\*\*\*] the kids in the basement". I bring this up because it 'triggered' (well done boys) a thought in my mind that related to reinforcement or repetition of words. Whether by intention or by flow, the *my example* words were repeated several times in this video clip. That **MUST** have an effect on the mind of the person listening. We are sensory beings, after all, and most people are familiar with the power of the spoken word.

Listen, I am not saying that I believe that Sam Harris and the interviewers don't care about the well-being of children. Of course not. But, in addition to my point (that a less gruesome example could have been selected as potential evidence on the laptop), I **must** raise and reflect on the pertinent issue of language use, and its power.

Language is powerful. Ask anyone who has escaped an abusive relationship. The irresponsible use of the words (continual reinforcement)<sup>4</sup> has been used for so long as humans have been able to speak in order to gain power over others, or to compensate for low esteem. And therein lies the potential problem. Here's my stretch on this point and feel free to disagree with my stretch. Listening to them, it almost felt like they thought these were 'normal' words to utter. Or at the very least, only Sam *sort of* acknowledged that perhaps his words were worth bringing up, by bringing them up again. That's when the interviewer said the above quote about the kids. Personally, my brain would never go to *those words* as an immediate 'recall' to provide an example of something horrid. I find that, odd. Maybe it's just me. But I must say, I do a lot of interviews and 99% of them are 'off-the-cuff' and so I know the difficulty of word choice when on the hot seat, and how important it is to *speak carefully*. It's a very, very difficult task to speak carefully and *thoughtfully*. Maybe Sam just messed up?

I also do realize that this is a 'free-speech' channel and that ratings are important, but let me ask you this YouTube, would you allow a medical doctor to talk about dead children in the context of the COVID-19 injectable products? (Sorry, I had to.)

One final 'bake your noodle' question to ponder: Am I propagating the questioned normalization by simply acknowledging that this gross-speak occurred? If there is, in fact, a 'normalization' of the words occurring in this instance, simply by listening to this clip, then the best thing for all of us to do to avoid *your example* becoming normal-speak, would be not to watch the clip so that we would avoid (by own our free will or not), having those words implanted in our conscious, or subconscious minds.

I find this part of 'journalizing' difficult to resolve. How do you make your point without providing 'clicks' or a platform to the people who made you feel, odd?

Free speech is an interesting thing, isn't it? I sure miss it.

At least he acknowledges that it would be 'the laptop from hell'. The example he uses here sounds pretty hellish to me.

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Enquirer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Enquirer)

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I am new to these guys and their 'ABOUT' on the their YouTube channel reads like this: "TRIGGERnometry is a free speech YouTube show and podcast. We believe in open, fact-based discussion of important and controversial issues. Comedians Konstantin Kisin (@konstantinkisin) and Francis Foster (@francisjfoister) create fun-but-serious conversations with fascinating guests, including former Presidential advisors and political experts, leading economists, psychologists, journalists, social and cultural commentators, YouTubers and others. We give our guests a chance to say what they think and explain why."

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I also wouldn't recommend listening to the video if you think hearing the words in the screenshot might 'affect you'. This is out of concern for my fellow humans.

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<https://www.britannica.com/topic/brainwashing>

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 Graeme MacQueen10 hr ago

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Jessica: I agree. We've seen before that Sam Harris has many scary ideas. For example, "some propositions are so dangerous that it may even be ethical to kill people for believing them."

He's a weak reed in a windstorm.

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 Neil Timmerman10 hr ago

♡ Liked by Jessica Rose

Has anyone but me noticed the pattern of, ahem...certain intellectuals who are more not extraordinarily rational and high achieving in their fields, become terrifyingly irrational, irate, and violent when the subject matter comes to Trump? What is it about Trump that triggers them into a rage so much? It simply cannot be explained rationally and so I am genuinely asking, emotionally, what is it? They seem to see Hitler around every corner. When I look at Trump I see a carnival barker/entertainer/politician who is successful because he speaks truthfully 20% of the time where as the politico's favored by those same...intellectuals...speak truthfully about 2% of the time. The common man just notices the order of magnitude improvement and is drawn to that. These intellectuals are living in another world, altogether, quite obviously.

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This particular note spoke loudly to me and this lovely person gave me permission to share her words.

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